
CODE



**MECKLENBURG COUNTY
ENGINEERING & BUILDING
STANDARDS DEPARTMENT**

INTERPRETATION

CODE: 2006 NC RESIDENTIAL CODE

SUBJECT: SEALED CRAWL SPACE PERMIT

REVIEWED: RESIDENTIAL CONSISTENCY TEAM

Question:

Is a permit required for sealing a crawl space on an existing home?

Code reference:

Section 106.1 of the NC Administrative Code and Policies ("permit required for all work described in the technical codes unless specifically exempted by the North Carolina Statutes or the technical codes")

Answer:

No building permit would be required unless the work exceeded \$5,000 in cost.

Mechanical and or electrical permits, regardless of cost, may be required based upon the design.

The NC General statutes GS153A-357 and 160A417 states no permit (building) is required if the work is in a single family dwelling (commercial has no exceptions) and the cost of the work is \$5,000 or less and is not structural in nature. No building permit would be required for installation within this scope; work over \$5,000 would require a building permit and inspections.

Work \$5,000 or under would still need to be installed correctly and would fall back upon the owner of the property.

A mechanical and or electrical permit is required for any modifications to existing mechanical or electrical systems that are made to meet one of the space moisture control methods found in section R409.5 such introduction of supply air with backflow dampers or introduction of continuous conditioned air. Any additional work such as installing an outlet for a dehumidifier or wiring in a mechanical fan would require an electrical permit.

Modifications to these systems would require a licensed contractor in that field.

Approved By ____Gene Morton____ Date ____3/12/09____

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